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1. Between 21 and 31 January 1952, about 150 officers were served meals daily in the officers' mess in the Hindersin Kaserne which is west of the railroad line in Jueterbog (N 52/E 69). Up to 50 additional officers who did not belong to the troops in the Hindersin Kaserne were occasionally seen eating in the mess hall for periods of from 3 to 10 days. Up to 10 officers from the Hindersin Kaserne were occasionally detached to Altes Lager, 3 km north-west of Jueterbog, for periods of several days. A local resident stated that the troops shifted their routine training to the night hours during the period from 7 to 12 January.
2. Military personnel observed in the Fuchsberg Kaserne, east of the railroad line, between 21 and 30 January, included: an undetermined number of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and were engaged in close-order drill at squad level; 60 soldiers who received physical training; and 6 officers and 100 men who were seen falling in. On 30 January, 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia marched from the installation to the Neues Finanzamt northwest of the Fuchsberg Kaserne. Each of the soldiers carried 1 headphone and 2 books. A local resident, who once worked in the Fuchsberg Kaserne, stated that all German workers there had been discharged by the end of January.
3. On 31 January, the camp on the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds was occupied by only a guard detail of 60 soldiers. A Major Kolvaka (phonetic spelling) (fnu) was identified as camp commandant. (1)
4. Between 26 and 30 January, training activities at Damm airfield south of Jueterbog included close-order drill, training in firing, combat training, drill with 80-mm mortar, heavy machine guns, and 76.2-mm AT guns at platoon level. On 30 January, for the first time a combat exercise was held at company level. On 27 January, all units practicing at the training area assembled at the athletic field in an open square, with one company on each wing and two companies in the center.

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20 soldiers, drove from Damm airfield toward Rohrbeck. Four trucks towed 76.2-mm AT guns. Two of the trucks mounted extended rod antennas. (3)

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6. Between 15 and 17 January, Altes Lager, 3 km northwest of Jueterbog, was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. About 10 to 15 officers, most of them field-grade officers, including some with tank and artillery insignia, were observed entering Altes Lager, coming from the restaurant opposite the camp gate.

7. On 17 January, about 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling with four 76.2-mm field guns in the training area just north of Neues Lager, south of the Jueterbog-Treuenbrietzen highway.

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